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1. I talked with [REDACTED] about his Report of Audit for the Property and Fiscal Unit of the Finance Division dated 25 January. He thought that they had some good people in this Unit but that their workload had increased considerably. For whatever reasons, however, they have made virtually no progress in correcting deficiencies noted almost two years ago and, in fact, might have dropped farther behind. Les also thought that it would take considerable effort for approximately one year to get them current. I then talked to Ed Saunders about this matter. He indicated that he had not read the Report and seemed to be unaware of the general situation. I told him that I was very much concerned about it, that I wanted everything possible to be done to correct the situation with the least possible delay, and that I would address a memorandum to him calling for a quarterly report as to the progress made. At this point Ed renewed his request for the return of [REDACTED] so that he could take over the Finance Division and correct the situation. (I have talked to [REDACTED] about the possibility of releasing Pat. He was reluctant to do so, however; I asked him to think it over and let me know within the next few days so that we could make some other arrangement, if necessary.)

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2. I have asked the Comptroller to designate someone to make a cost comparison study of our occupancy of the new building as opposed to our previous situation. I also told him that I would like to meet with this individual as soon as possible. H

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3. Gates Lloyd and I met with General Cabell to discuss the DPD proposal to use [REDACTED] for other air proprietary purposes. General Cabell disapproved and later signed an endorsement to this effect on the proposal.

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4. Emmett Echols said that he had learned that the Deputy Director (Plans) had submitted the [REDACTED] Case to the Director for approval in a different way which would give him the same salary as previously proposed. I called [REDACTED] and told him that this had not been coordinated with the Director of Personnel and recommended that General Cabell not sign it.

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5. I met with [REDACTED] and Emmett Echols to discuss the [REDACTED] cases. I made it clear to them that these cases indicated to me that procedures in the JOTP Staff for entering personnel on duty needed to be tightened up and directed that Bill and the Office of Training devise procedures immediately which would prevent a repetition of these or similar cases. In this connection, Emmett requested that the Medical Staff revise its statement saying that [REDACTED] was not qualified. I told him that I felt it was improper for us to ask a Medical Officer to slant his medical opinion to accommodate administrative error and that the opinion of the Medical Officer should stand. However, the necessary papers for my signature to approve of the entry on duty for [REDACTED] notwithstanding the opinion of the Medical Staff, should be prepared.

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6. I talked with [REDACTED] about the desire of the Deputy Director (Plans) to transfer JOT's destined for the Clandestine Service to his rolls as soon as they had completed formal training. They opposed this very strongly and I agreed to arrange a meeting with [REDACTED] to hear more about the reasons for the Deputy Director (Plans) requesting this change.

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7. I met with [REDACTED] to discuss the status of our Management Training. Bob believed that enthusiasm for Management Training in the Agency was gaining momentum; the last course run at the request of the Deputy Director (Plans) was endorsed enthusiastically by all DD/P personnel who attended. They have asked for another course, and Bob felt sure that it would be oversubscribed. I expressed my pleasure at these developments but asked them to focus on just what our Management Training Program should be; i.e., who gets what kind of training, at what level, at what period in the individuals' careers, etc.

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8. [REDACTED] was in to talk about what we could do for personnel assigned to certain Stations [REDACTED]. Some relief might be in order because of the high rent encountered in these areas. There are problems, however, such as military versus civilian entitlements, differences between what CIA might do for its people and what other Government agencies might do for their people in the same situation, and the precedent which this would set for our personnel [REDACTED]. I have asked Vernon and Larry Houston to get together soonest to discuss what we could do legally.

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